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PROTESTS DOOM LIGHTS, PLAYGROUND

Lomita Phone Girl Sacrifices Her Blood to Save Co-Worker

PINT AND HALF IS TAKEN

Miss Ruth Greenlund Volunteers to Revive Mrs. Kate Dales
WEAK AFTER OPERATION
Lomita Chief Operator Faints as Result of Transfusion

Miss Ruth Greenlund, chief operator of the Lomita telephone exchange, Thursday gave a pint and a half of her blood in an effort to save the life of her co-worker and friend, Mrs. Kate Dales, Lomita night operator.

Miss Greenlund volunteered the sacrifice when surgeons informed her that the life of Mrs. Dales was in danger and that her only hope of recovery was a transfusion operation.

The operation took place at the Seaside Hospital in Long Beach. Returning to Lomita after a pint and a half of her blood had been pumped by heart action from her own veins into those of her dear friend, Miss Greenlund went back to work. Although in a naturally weakened condition, she performed her regular duties. But the loss of blood had so sapped her strength that she fainted in Dr. Fuller's office while she was telling him about the transfusion.

Revived by Dr. Fuller, Miss Greenlund was ordered to bed, where she remained over the weekend. She is now back on the job.

Mrs. Dales and Miss Greenlund live together on Allene Street in Lomita. Miss Greenlund is a sister of Miss Helma Greenlund, Torrance chief operator.

Coming Events

Items for This Department Must Be at Office by 5 p. m. on Day Preceding Publication.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
7:30 p. m.—Meeting American Legion Auxiliary, home of Mrs. A. W. Greiner, 803 Portola Avenue.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
Noon—Luncheon, Rotary Club of Torrance.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5
7:30 p. m.—Stated meeting, F. and A. M., Masonic Temple.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
Services in all churches.
2:30 p. m.—Baseball, C.-C. M. O. vs. Pacific Electric, C.-C. M. O. Park.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9
4:30 p. m.—Meeting Directors of Chamber of Commerce, C. of C. Office. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
2 p. m.—Parent-Teacher final meeting of year.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
2 p. m.—Meeting Women's Club of Torrance, Election of Officers.
7:30 p. m.—Meeting O. E. S., Masonic Temple.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
High School Senior Play at Auditorium.

Schools to Close All Day Friday

Friday, June 5, is a school holiday on account of the civic floral parade in Los Angeles, in which practically every school in the district will take part.

'Bunk!' Say Diminishing Beer Pilgrims



Above: (Left) Baggage of an American car being searched for beer or other liquors by U. S. customs officers; (right) An American visitor who traveled a long way to tank up on "pre-war" beer, registering disappointment. (Below) Some Detroiters visiting their favorite foreign port, Windsor, Ont.

By Central Press
WINDSOR, Ont., June 2.—"It's bunk!"

This is the expression most heard among Americans flocking to this side of the Detroit River to "tank up" on the 4.4 beer recently legalized in Ontario by provincial law. The dry-throated gentlemen are letting it be known that they feel they are being "gypped."

"There ain't no kick in the stuff!" That's their complaint. And they are right. Analysis shows that a huge amount of the stuff being sold contains no more than 2.5 per cent alcohol. The law permits the brewers to get in 4.4 per cent alcohol, but the fact remains that they aren't. Perhaps it's because the beer isn't sufficiently aged, perhaps not. The "suds" being dis-

posed now is practically right out of the brewery. The demand has been so large that the breweries haven't had time to age any of it. The demand is slackening, however. One reason is the new regulation which makes it necessary to order food along with the beer, for it can be served only as a beverage with a meal. This is another source of complaint from the visiting Americans. They see this last clause as just another "holdup game."

Demand Change
Already many citizens of Ontario towns along the border are demanding that the law be rescinded. "It's bringing in the American riff-raff," they complain. "It's just making money for the brewers and saloonkeepers, and is hurting us."

As a result an attempt will be made to revoke the new "beer law" in the next provincial legislature. Meanwhile "blind pigs" across the river in Detroit aren't suffering to any great extent. Most of them sell beer far more powerful than the Ontario brand and have all the other repertoire of drinks besides. And in Ontario there's nothing but beer.

The new law has increased the number of attempts to smuggle in beer, according to American customs officials. Many "good citizens," who obey all other laws, think they can hide beer in their baggage or pockets or autos and "put it over." Consequently persons crossing the border, as thousands of them normally do every day, are undergoing a stricter scrutiny.

Thieves Ransack Minister's Home During Service

\$32 in Cash Taken From Essig Parsonage Sunday Morning

Thieves entered the Methodist parsonage Sunday morning while Rev. Fred M. Essig was conducting services and made away with banks and pocketbooks containing about \$32 in cash.

The door of the parsonage was unlocked and the entire family was in church.

Three children's banks, a bill folder and woman's purse were stolen. Police suspect boys.

GRANT FRANCHISE

The Board of Trustees last night decided to grant to the Shell Oil Company a pipe line franchise on Sonoma Avenue from Ivy Avenue west to Madrona Avenue, ordering the clerk to advertise for bids for same.

Martina Avenue Owners Petition for Improvement

Owners of property abutting on Martina Avenue between 220th and 222d Streets last night petitioned the Board of Trustees to pave the highway with National paving. The board referred the petition to the city engineer, street committee and city attorney to ascertain whether or not the Board of Education will stand its share of the cost.

Seniors of High School to Give Play June 12th

The Torrance High School Senior Play will be given in the High School Auditorium on Friday, June 12, at 8 p. m.

The three-act comedy is called "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary." The pupils are practicing every day.

Singers Sought to Practice for School Service

Will Prepare Chorus for Baccalaureate Ceremony Here

All who sing, of all denominations, are requested to meet with C. H. Van Hellen, director of the Union Local Company Glee Club, at the Torrance High School on Monday evening, June 15, and Friday evening, June 19, to practice for the Baccalaureate Service to be given in the School Auditorium on Sunday, June 21, at 7:30 p. m.

The ministers of the various churches of Torrance have agreed to this union service, which is always given in connection with graduation of school students.

William Bowers, Mrs. A. V. Bowers and Charles Pennington of 2828 Sonoma Avenue spent Saturday at Santa Monica.

TORRANCE HONORS DEAD

Record Memorial Day Audience Attends Legion Services Here

FITTS STIRS AUDIENCE
Patriotism Demanded by Increase in Crime, Says Speaker

Torrance did honor to our country's dead on Memorial Day.

The largest crowd ever attending Memorial Day services here was present at the High School Auditorium Saturday morning for the program arranged by the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion.

The ceremony opened with a parade from the P. E. station along El Prado to the School. In the parade were Torrance police, the Torrance Community Band, Legionnaires, city officials, Boy Scouts, civilians and school children.

"Spirit of '76"

At the auditorium the program opened with the playing of the colors. When the curtains were drawn aside a striking tableau of "The Spirit of '76" was revealed to view. The tableau was particularly effective. Those who took part were J. W. Barnett, Harwood Clark, Walter Schlick, and William Mullen.

Rev. F. A. Zeller pronounced the invocation.

Musical numbers were offered by Emerson Stewart, Miss Elsie Teal, and the Torrance Mixed Quartet.

Buron Fitts, former state commander of the American Legion and deputy district attorney of the county of Los Angeles, aroused the audience with a stirring address in which he declared that individual sacrifice on the part of American citizens in time of peace by strict observance of the law, is the same sort of patriotism that motivated men who gave their lives during the nation's wars.

Tells of Crime
Mr. Fitts brought home the alarming increase of crime and disregard of law among the youth of the country and asserted that the three institutions which can check this wave are the home, the church and the school.

On Friday morning the pupils of the Elementary and High Schools attended ceremonies at the High School Auditorium. A flag drill was presented. W. Harold Kingsley spoke.

Thursday noon Rev. Thomas Grice of San Pedro spoke before the Rotary Club. In one of the most inspiring addresses heard in Torrance in a long time Mr. Grice outlined the feat of the 38th American Regular Infantry, "The Rock of the Marne," on July 15, 1918.

The Legion Auxiliary netted almost \$75 on the sale of popples Thursday and Friday.

Boys League of School Elects New Officers

Harry Phillips Is Chosen President for Ensuing Year

The Boys' League at a meeting on Thursday afternoon elected their officers for the next school session.

Harry Phillips was elected president, Kenneth Ostrander vice-president, Richard Von Hagen secretary, Russell Roberts treasurer, and Warren McMillan sergeant-at-arms.

Observations

Kidnapers—Intricacy of Life—Youth and Crime—Living in a Big City—Answering Arguments Against Municipal Playgrounds

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

NOW a new favorite outdoor sport bids fair to capture the fancy of Hollywood denizens—the kidnaping of moving picture stars. Conspirators confess, police say, that they plotted to abduct Mary Pickford and the grandchildren of E. L. Doheny.

Well, as long as press agents continue to tell the world what enormous salaries these moving picture actresses receive, the wicked will be tempted.

Advertising has its disadvantages as well as its lures. The costly necklace in the jeweler's window stirs desire in the breasts of those that cannot afford it. The vast fortunes of the moving picture "aristocracy" are magnets to criminals. The necklace attracts someone who can pay for it, but breeds dissatisfaction among those who cannot. The press-agenting of stars' stipends draws folks to the box-office, but endangers the stars.

It's an intricate life—and one knows not whither way to turn.

PITY the man of vast wealth. His is a dreadful existence. He is bound and gagged. His freedom is locked in his safety deposit box along with the tax-free bonds.

E. L. Doheny tells reporters that his family is constantly guarded by armed men. His grandchildren go guarded to school. Not theirs the liberty to skip and play on the playgrounds with other tots unless they are constantly under the watchful eyes of a burly detective whose pockets bulge with firearms.

Probably the only class of individuals who enjoy nearly absolute freedom in this land of liberty are the hobos. From the complete tramp to John D. Rockefeller there are various grades of freedom. And the ones who have the most goods have the least freedom.

The majority is in between—and therefore the most happy bipeds on the continent. Yet I suppose of all the millions of "in-betweens" only a few would refuse to sacrifice his quasi-freedom for incarceration.

It is an intricate life, indeed.

I HAVE yet to drive in traffic in Los Angeles without having at least one narrow escape from a collision. He who can pilot a car through the downtown section of the city of Angels is certainly a lucky devil. I never sit tensely in the seat of an automobile that threatens its perilous way through the commercial canyons without yearning for a large green pasture on the slope of a hill, where the cows browse and the cowpals nod and the cowbells tinkle.

Buron Fitts, deputy district attorney, tells of the alarming increase of youthful criminals. Crowds, the colossal intricacy of life in a big city, the positive impossibility of decent home life in a metropolitan apartment house, the numberless influences that detract interest from the real worthwhile purposes of life and living, make the path of complacency and later of crime the easiest and most natural way for youth.

Most of the great men of the world sprang from the loins of tillers of the soil, spent their childhood in wide spaces where a man can see the horizon on all sides, and walk along a road in company with his own thoughts without being constantly on the alert to save his life.

I DEFY anyone to walk through a modern American city's downtown district in company with his own disconnected thoughts. To do that would be a quick way of committing suicide.

Mr. Fitts urges a back to the home movement as a deterrent to crime. Well, Mr. Fitts is certainly right—but in a big city, for the masses, a back to the home movement cannot be accomplished. There are too many traffic jams.

With the radio, modern machinery, automobiles, telephones, even farm life has become mighty intricate in North America—but in a big city it is so damnably intricate that it just cannot be unraveled.

THE only spots in a big city where children of the many can romp and play as children are the parks and playgrounds. The more wealthy have country estates and golf courses. The average family must either repair to a breathing area provided out of public funds in order to relax or pile into the family flivver and brave the terrors of Sunday traffic to the beaches.

Yet there are those who will tell you that playgrounds for the young, with tennis courts and handball courts for the more mature, are unnecessary luxuries in these intricate days.

I disagree. The movement for playgrounds is nothing at all but an attempt to provide in modern cities something to take the place of the old commons in the small towns of the last century.

"Let the children mow the lawns," says a correspondent. "If they leave home for the playground how will their parents know that it is to the playground that they are going?"—or words to that effect, this writer adds.

LET them mow the lawn. Most assuredly let them mow the lawn. And clip it at the edges, and water it, and hose the garden—if you have a lot big enough to allow a garden, or any lot at all. And let them work plenty. It's good for them. And in the hour or two a week when they don't have to work, let them play in the street. Let them play in the four-by-four apartment and knock the plaster off the ceiling of the apartment below.

We don't need these new-fangled playground things. Taxes are already too high. What though the cost per year will be about equal to the cost of the gasoline expended in one flivver trip through traffic to the beach—taxes are already too high.

PERHAPS we should wait until this part of California grows to ten times its present population. Then there will be ten times as many persons to pay the cost—and the land will cost twenty times as much and there will be ten-times as many children and adults in need of recreational centers and we will have to provide ten instead of one. Multiply it yourself, I'm not much of a mathematician.

And certainly men who work in factories don't need a place to play. They get plenty of exercise in the shops at their benches and machines. Handball and tennis and quoit pitching are not for them.

No. We don't need playgrounds and recreational centers. What the country needs is an automobile of his own for every adolescent to do with as he pleases.

COSTS HIT AT WARM SESSION

320 Oppose Lighting in Writing, Only 60 Protest Paving

CANCEL BOND ELECTION

Trustees, After Hearing 2-Hour Discussion, Stop Playground Move

The trustees' meeting for the hearing of protests against street lights and Redondo Boulevard paving was most assuredly a meeting for the hearing of protests—and just about "nothing else but."

Several score citizens added to petitions of protest a two-hour tattoo of catch-as-catch-can latory in which most of the verbal attacks were launched against the proposed lighting system, but which also included onslaughts against improvement proceedings that date back in local history a considerable distance.

When the rapid fire of verbal protests ceased, the trustees, impressed by the public objections at this time, cancelled the \$30,000 playground bond election set for June 16 and indicated a determination to terminate the street lighting proceedings.

320 Protest Lights
Approximately 320 names were signed on the petition protesting against the lighting system, whereas only 60 signed the instrument which objected to the Redondo Boulevard paving.

Both petitions stated that the assessors considered the assessments necessary for the improvement "a burden at this time" when citizens are already loaded with obligations.

The trustees received the petitions and voted to refer them to the street committee, which was instructed to check the names and report in two weeks. The hearing of protests was continued therefore until Monday, June 15.

Ask Action "Now"
The action of the board in delaying the hearing so that the names of signers may be properly checked met with vehement objection on the part of some of the citizens. Led by G. A. R. Steiner of Redondo Beach numerous property-owners exhorted the board to cancel the street lighting program then and there. The board, however, held to its decision to check the names.

During the hearing of verbal communications at least thirty citizens rose at different times to express their opinions on matters of public concern. Some of the thirty rose several times, and the meeting developed into a free-for-all discussion of almost every public matter from the historic Arlington Avenue pavement to the mooted condition of the Torrance water system.

Cost Main Objection
Most of the citizens who spoke declared themselves in favor of lights, but "not at this time."

Some objected to the style of lamp-posts selected by the board, but most based their opposition on the taxpayers' burden and urged the trustees not to increase the load until "times are better."

During the discussion it developed that some property-owners had heard that the lighting system would cost anywhere from \$1 to \$5 a front foot. Mayor Deininger stated that the board believed the cost would be about \$1 a foot and that if the proceedings went forward the trustees would reject all bids unless some bids were less than \$1.25 a foot.

Trustees James M. Fitzhugh and John S. Torrance were absent, but Trustees R. R. Smith, Willis M.

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Free Trips to Catalina Island--Watch Friday's Herald